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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

10 JAMES CORNE,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 SCOTT A. FULTON, *et al.*,

14 Defendants.

Case No. C08-5726RBL

REPORT AND  
RECOMMENDATION TO  
DISMISS COMPLAINT  
WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Noted for March 27, 2009

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16 This case has been referred to Magistrate Judge J. Kelley Arnold pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §  
17 636(b)(1)(B). This matter comes before the court upon plaintiff's request to dismiss his complaint (Doc.  
18 5). After reviewing plaintiff's motion, the undersigned recommends that the court GRANT the motion  
19 and dismiss this matter without prejudice pursuant to Rule 41(a).

20 Under Rule 41, a plaintiff has the right to voluntarily dismiss his case when no answer or motion for  
21 summary judgment has been filed by an adverse party. Rule 41(a)(1) specifically provides that dismissal as a  
22 matter of right can be foreclosed only by the filing of an answer or a motion for summary judgment. Roddy  
23 v. Dendy, 141 F.R.D. 261, 262 (S.D. Mississippi, 1992).

24 Plaintiff, Mr. Corne, is requesting dismissal based on the understanding that he would like to pursue  
25 his claims in state court. Plaintiff's requests comes after the court issued an order to show cause in which the  
26 court explained the complaint contained certain deficiencies. The matter has not been served on any  
27 defendant, and thus no other party has appeared in the matter.

28 Accordingly, plaintiff's request to voluntarily dismiss his Complaint should be GRANTED, and this

1 matter should be dismissed without prejudice. In addition, Plaintiff asks the court to waive or dismiss any  
2 further financial responsibility related to this matter. In the interest of justice, the court should waive any  
3 remaining financial fees, i.e., the filing fee, remaining.

4 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Rule 72(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the  
5 parties shall have ten (10) days from service of this Report to file written objections. *See also*  
6 Fed.R.Civ.P. 6. Failure to file objections will result in a waiver of those objections for purposes of  
7 appeal. Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140 (1985). Accommodating the time limit imposed by Rule 72(b), the  
8 clerk is directed to set the matter for consideration on **March 27, 2009**, as noted in the caption.

9 DATED this Tuesday, February 24, 2009.

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11 /s/ J. Kelley Arnold  
12 J. Kelley Arnold  
13 United States Magistrate Judge  
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